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STUDENT IS AWARDED MEDAL

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. – A student employee, Erik S. Woessner, was awarded an Air Force Civilian Achievement Medal today (March 13) at a small ceremony witnessed by coworkers and family. The award reflected Woessner's volunteer community efforts.

Woessner, a junior studying criminal justice at the nearby University of New Mexico and a student employee in the Air Force Research Laboratory's Directed Energy Directorate here, was recognized for his management of the Boy Scout Liaison Program for Kirtland AFB.

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In a certificate accompanying the medal, Woessner was cited for having made lodging, meals and transportation arrangements for Boy Scout Troops from around the nation who were visiting the base.

Making the presentation was Col. William J. Cleckner, vice commander for the 377th Air Base Wing, who praised Woessner for his achievements, acknowledging that Woessner helped more than 1,500 scouts and scout leaders since mid-2004.

Woessner, who works with research and development case files in the directorate's Laser Division, has been with the directorate since 2003 and working on Kirtland since 2002.

This award, the equivalent of the military Air Force Achievement Medal award, is presented to an individual or group for outstanding service for a single, specific act or accomplishment in support of a unit's mission or goals.